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Mr. David Bacharowski
California Regional Water Quality
Control Board - Los Angeles Region
101 Center Plaza Drive
Monterey Park, California 91754-2156

Re: Pacific Airmotive Corporation

Dear Mr. Bacharowski:

Last week I met with Thomas P. Mintz, Esquire of the Office of Regional Counsel, EPA Region IX, and Colette M. Kostelec, P.E., Region IX Superfund Project Manager, concerning the various matters which are the subject of Pacific Airmotive Corporation's petition for review filed with the State Water Resources Control Board on April 2, 1993.

My meeting with EPA was informative and productive. Mr. Mintz and Ms. Kostelec made clear EPA's intention to work with and support the California Regional Water Quality Control Board in an effort to identify and remediate sources contributing to the contamination with volatile organic compounds of regional groundwater resources in the San Fernando Valley.

In the course of our meeting, I presented a chronology of surface and subsurface soil and groundwater investigations which have been initiated and completed over a ten-year period by PAC and its consultants in cooperation with and under the direction of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. I believe that this chronology is evidence of Pacific Airmotive's willingness to comply with Regional Board requests where PAC considered the requests to be rationally based, reasonable and based on a legitimate concern for the protection of groundwater quality. PAC remains willing to cooperate with the Board where the Board demonstrates that PAC has caused or permitted wastes to be discharged and that such wastes have been or probably will be discharged into waters of the state.

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Mr. Mintz and Ms. Kostelec suggested that I communicate to you Pacific Airmotive Corporation's continuing willingness to undertake appropriate investigations of specifically identified areas where the Regional Board presents to PAC evidence that the company has caused or permitted such a discharge.

Mr. Mintz suggested that both Pacific Airmotive and the Regional Board might benefit from a meeting where matters such as those outlined above and other matters designed to "break the stalemate" between PAC and the Regional Board might be discussed. Representatives of Pacific Airmotive Corporation would be willing to attend such a meeting at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Downs

cc: Thomas P. Mintz, Esquire
Colette M. Kostelec
Richard H. Lange, Esquire

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